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Dear Parents,

Christmas Production

Important Note

We look forward to welcoming you to this year's production, "Christmas Recipe", next week. In order to be fair to all members of the audience, we will be operating a queue system at the front entrance of the school on the days of the play. Kindly note that if you are assisting in classes or with the PTA you will not be able to save seats before the queue is admitted. The doors will be opened when the children have completed their early morning tasks around the school, shortly after 9am.

Entrance to all performances will be by **TICKET ONLY** - **please remember to bring your tickets with you**. Please ensure that any members of your family who will be taking photos or videoing, read the guidelines sent with the Christmas letter and remain in the dedicated "photography & video" area at all times.

The gates from Southcote Park will be unlocked before and after the performance.

Christmas Production Collection

This year, the School Council would like to raise funds for Ruth Albrecht's Rainbow School in Windhoek, Namibia (as we did last year) and also for Dreamflight. Further information about these organisations can be found below. They would like to ask parents to contribute to a collection at the end of each production and children will be stationed at the exits with containers if you wish to contribute. The funds raised will be split equally between both organisations. The PTA will also be holding a raffle before the production on Friday to raise funds for the school.

The Rainbow School, Namibia

In 2015 we formed a relationship with Ruth Albrecht's Rainbow School in Windhoek Namibia following a visit by Mrs Porter during a trip to educational establishments in Namibia and Kenya. The Rainbow School is reliant on donations to cover school costs when parents lose their jobs or fall ill and face potentially huge medical bills. With the funds raised from last year's collection they were able to purchase outdoor



seating made from recycled plastic so the children can enjoy mealtimes outside (see picture). We continue to exchange letters and pictures so that our children can learn about daily life in another culture.

Dreamflight

Dreamflight is a UK charity that changes young lives through taking children with a serious illness or disability, without their parents, on the holiday of a lifetime to Orlando, Florida.

Established in 1987 and operating annually since, Dreamflight believes that fun and joy are just as important as medical research and equipment - especially for children who perhaps can't wait long enough for the breakthrough they need or whose illnesses and treatments have brought pain, distress and disruption to their lives.

Christmas DVD

We are pleased to let you know that we have received enough orders to enable the filming of the play to go ahead on Wednesday 14th December. You will be able to order a DVD up until mid-day on Friday 9th December. All orders received by this date will be returned to school by Tuesday 20th December. Orders received after 9th December will not be processed until after Christmas.

After School Clubs – Year 1 & 2

Please note that the final sessions for after school clubs this term are on the following dates:

SCL Football:	Monday 5 th December
SCL Club Energy:	Tuesday 6 th December
Musical Theatre:	Wednesday 7 th December
Tennis:	Wednesday 7 th December
French:	Thursday 1 st December
SCL Gymnastics:	Thursday 8 th December
Rock Steady:	Friday 16 th December

Clubs will re-start in the Spring term during the week commencing 9th January and letters will be sent home in children's book bags shortly. Please note that there are no after school clubs during the first week of term (3rd to 6th January).

Reception children have the opportunity to join SCL Club Energy in the spring term and SCL Football in the summer term.

Reminders

- Class parties and the school Christmas lunch will be held on Tuesday 20th December. Please send the children to school in sensible "party" clothes.
- The Pied Piper Theatre Company will be visiting school on the morning of Wednesday 21st December to perform "Burglar Bill", kindly funded by the PTA.
- Term finishes at the earlier time of **2pm** on Wednesday 21st December and re-opens for the Spring Term on **Tuesday 3rd January 2017**.

School Closure dates

As previously notified, school will be closed for staff training or polling on the following dates in 2017:

Monday 20th February 2017 – inset
Thursday 4th May 2017 - polling
Friday 23rd June 2017 - inset
Monday 26th June 2017 - inset

Registration for September 2017

Just a reminder that if you have a child who is five between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 inclusive, or you have a child currently in Year 2, all admissions applications need to be received by Surrey County Council by **15th January 2017**. Applications received after the closing date without good reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed. This may jeopardise the chance of parents being offered one of their preferred schools for their child. Surrey County Council admissions information leaflets are available from the school office and further information can be found on their website www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions.

Diary Dates

Thursday	8 th December	Christmas Play Photographs
Friday	9 th December (midday)	Last date for DVD orders
Monday - Friday	12 th – 16 th December	Christmas Post boxes open
Tuesday - Friday	13 th – 16 th December (mornings)	Christmas Play (siblings on Friday 16 th only) (Professional recording on Wednesday 14 th)
Tuesday	20 th December	Class Christmas Parties – home clothes & School Christmas Lunch
Wednesday	21 st December	Pied Piper Theatre Company visiting (am) Term finishes at 2.00pm
Tuesday	3 rd January 2017	Start of Spring Term
Monday-Friday	13 th to 17 th February 2017	Half Term
Monday	20th February 2017	Inset Day – school closed for staff training
Friday	31 st March 2017	End of Spring Term at 2pm – please note early closure
Tuesday	18 th April 2017	Start of Summer Term
Monday	1 st May 2017	Bank Holiday – school closed
Thursday	4th May 2017	Polling Day – school closed
Monday-Friday	29 th May to 2 nd June 2017	Half Term
Friday	23rd June 2017	Inset Day – school closed for staff training
Monday	26th June 2017	Inset Day – school closed for staff training
Friday	21 st July 2017	End of Summer Term at 2pm – please note early closure

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Ellen McClelland
Headteacher